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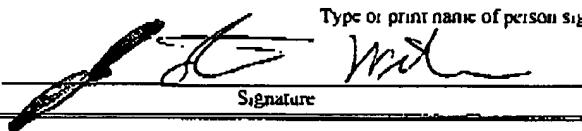
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Dear Examiner:

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the telephone call to the applicants representative regarding the status of this case. The Examiner indicated that no Amendment has been entered into the file after the Final Office Action mailed August 27, 2003.

However, an Amendment After Final for this case was mailed to the Office via Express Mail by the applicants representative on October 27, 2003. A Return Post Card bearing the date stamp of the OIPE was returned to applicants' representative, indicating receipt of Amendment After Final by the Office.

True and correct copies of the following documents are submitted with this Communication:

1. The Transmittal Sheet that was mailed with the Amendment After Final, the Transmittal Sheet including an Express Mail Certification indicating a mailing date of October 27, 2003;
2. The Amendment In Accordance With 37 CFR 1.116, the front page of the Amendment including an Express Mail Certification indicating a mailing date of October 27, 2003;
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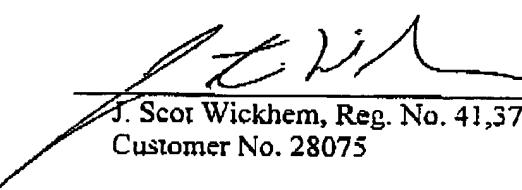
The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Amendment After Final by the Examiner. Additionally, Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment After Final be accorded a mailing date of October 27, 2003, such that it was mailed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date (August 27, 2003) of the outstanding Final Office Action. As indicated in the Amendment After Final, the Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims are patentable over the prior art of record. If a telephone conference regarding this matter may be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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By their Attorney,

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